



**COUNTY OF SAN MATEO**  
Inter-Departmental Correspondence  
District Attorney



**Date:** April 18, 2013  
**Board Meeting Date:** May 21, 2013  
**Special Notice / Hearing:** None  
**Vote Required:** Majority

**To:** Honorable Board of Supervisors

**From:** Stephen M. Wagstaffe, District Attorney

**Subject:** Agreement with Victim Compensation and Government Claims Board

**RECOMMENDATION:**

Adopt a Resolution ratifying submission by the District Attorney of a grant application to the Victim Compensation and Government Claims Board for FY 2013-14 through FY 2015-16, for the purpose of funding a Restitution Specialist position in the amount of \$226,422.

**BACKGROUND:**

Beginning in 1997, the State Board of Control, now known as the Victim Compensation and Government Claims Board (VCGCB), agreed to fund a Restitution Specialist position in the San Mateo County District Attorney's Office in order to aid victim restitution and services. The role of the Restitution Specialist is to assist the prosecuting attorney to secure Restitution orders in all cases involving a victim who filed a claim with the Board for specific crime-related expenses, as well as assuring the imposition of restitution fines on all convicted offenders. The Board approved an amendment to the Salary Ordinance in December of 1997 and an appropriation transfer request in January 1998 to initiate the program in San Mateo County. Since 1997, the Board has renewed this application every year.

**DISCUSSION:**

Pursuant to the County's application for funds, the Victim Compensation and Government Claims Board has agreed to pay the County the sum of \$226,422 for FY 2013-14 through FY 2015-16. The program supports one Restitution Specialist (paralegal by county classification) who is responsible for coordinating restitution efforts in the District Attorney's Office. This includes notifying Deputy District Attorneys of cases in which restitution needs to be ordered to the VCGCB, tracking the disposition of cases until such restitution has been ordered, and reporting case status to the VCGCB.

Approval of the subject resolution will ratify the District Attorney's endorsement of the contract with the Victim Compensation and Government Claims Board for continuance of this program effort.

County Counsel has reviewed and approved the Resolution as to form.

Approval of the Resolution contributes to the Shared Vision 2025 outcome of a Safe Community by assisting victims of violent crimes in obtaining restitution.

**FISCAL IMPACT:**

For FY 2013-14 through FY 2015-16 the total cost of the Restitution Program is \$336,042. The VCGCB contract will fund \$226,422, or 62% and \$139,620, or 38% will be covered by Net County Cost.